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FEBRUARY 5, 2009
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Father Perry Cherubini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, Green, Norris, Falivene, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Elco; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; City Administrator, Terry Dolan; CFO, Jessica Thompson & Carie Crone, Clerk; City Engineer, Eddie Dennis

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW – Lynn
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Lynn

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING

2009 RESOLUTIONS

Lynn – asked for a motion to add Res. 55-09 – authorizing the city administrator to advertise for a telecommunicator due to a resignation.

Motion to approve – Councilman Falivene – second – Councilman Marczyk

All were in favor.

46 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 102 Park Circle, (Block 171.01, Lot 6). **MOVED**

47 Appointing a full-time Crossing Guard, namely Solita Ramos. **MOVED**

48 Granting a raffle license to the Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen. **MOVED**

49 Granting a raffle license to the Holy Spirit Mothers Guild. **MOVED**

50 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the South Jersey Field of Dreams, Inc. **MOVED**

Lynn – I understand this will be a 99-year lease drafted by Mike to make sure the city is protected in case something happens to the Field of Dreams, then the lease will be null and void.

Bobbie – does not remember having this before and wants to make sure ASAC could still use the field.

Fred – they play on Sundays and ASAC does not.

Joe – would also like insurance questions addressed

Mike – this would give the authority to do the agreement not agreeing to the lease yet. He can do a draft and send it to Parks and Playgrounds and then bring it back.

51 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TelVue Corporation. **MOVED**

52 Authorizing the transfer of appropriation reserves in the 2008 Municipal Budget per N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58. **MOVED**

53 Authorizing the City of Absecon to participate in the Municipality and County Records Management Shared Services.

54 Recommending amendments to N.J.S.A. 40:54-8, regarding tax levies for free Public Libraries. **MOVED**

Lynn – explained the problems with the budget and the State mandates what the city has to give the library. Right now we have to give them \$330,000 and the library agrees they don't need that much.

55 Authorizing the City Administrator to advertise for a tele-communicator. **MOVED**

Jerry – there is a manpower shortage without this hire.

REGULAR MEETING

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions #46 through 55 made up the consent agenda.

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 1,469,368.21

Fred – asked if the power generator is for the pumping station.

Terry – yes it is.

Jerry – we discussed not renewing memberships and he noticed we are paying them here.

Jessica – these requests were put in before we discussed it.

Lynn – suggested we look at the list and not deny them all.

Motion to approve: – Councilman Norris - second – Councilman Green

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – gave Terry a letter today and to review it regarding a stimulus package, which will be handed down throughout the different levels of government to let them know what we would like. Had a meeting with the chief regarding the police dept. budget and also had a meeting with the new OEM coordinator and he believes we are going in the right direction. He then read a proclamation for “Wear Red Day” tomorrow in honor of women and the importance of heart awareness.

Joe – no finance meeting, instead we had a budget meeting.

Fred – will be having a meeting 2/10 at 8 am. re: NJ Ave. Phase I project – west of Highland Blvd. to Route 30. Phase II will be Michigan Ave. west to Highland Blvd.

Charlie – new playground equipment has been installed, which looks great and thanked his committee and Terry.

Jerry – the parks did really turn out great. He would love to see something up at the old pool site area. Sat in on the Economic Development Comm. Meeting and the discussion of NJ Ave. It's going to be a great project and happy to see Bill Wilson will play a role in this because he pushed hard for this as well as Eddie Dennis, city engineer. Thanked them both.

Jim – explained the downtown project and what was discussed. It really is a great project and many ideas are being brought up as well as information.

Bobbie – The Senior Center is starting a wellness program in March. Announced upcoming events.

Lynn – talked about the 2.5% fee for commercial development that was instituted last year. There was an amended change to this of an 18-month extension of this fee. Some people have already had to pay that. The payment the city has to make concerning the pension fund is set by the year and there is a bill out there to lower the number, but we are going to have to pay what the State says.

Terry – thanked the Public Works dept. for their work at Pitney Park and putting new roofs on. This was requested by ASAC to try and get more tournaments into our town and benefit the city. We are trying to address our budgetary issues and he has talked to the tax office about having a tax sale in the first quarter as opposed to the second quarter and they are moving in that direction.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Marczyk

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION - #56-2009

Attorney Mike Blee – stated the reasons as being:

1. Under the contract negotiation exception to the open public meetings act specifically potential sale regarding Block 164, Lot 63. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact the sale takes place and all further documents executed by all parties.

There will be no action taken following this session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris
All were in favor.

Mike – it's now 8:10 p.m. and the issues discussed were those announced prior to going into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____